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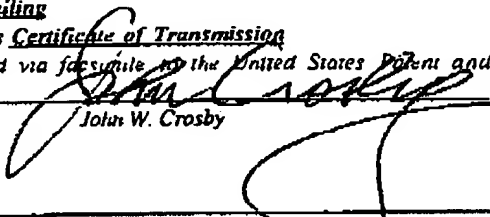
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**RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 4, 2005, Applicant offers the following Response. This Response addresses all grounds for objection and rejection that appear in the Office action.